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Responsive to the Office Action of April 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Arguments begin on page 21.